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Dear Jerry:

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The attached letter is the latest response to our request for a site for building housing of our own. The site is

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centrally located in a residential area of Key West near schools and restaurants. It is not isolated but is on a couple of major streets which give excellent access to beaches, major shopping areas, old town, the bureau and the highway leading off Key West.

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The property occupies approximately a city block and is at present occupied by a dozen or so mobile homes which utilize no more than half of the space. There are many unoccupied mobile home pads. Could new, double-wide, e-bedroom mobile homes, plus storage sheds provide a possible short-term solution to our situation? With careful siting and landscaping they could be as private and attractive as any other housing and the advantage (for some persons) is that they are complete, including furnishings and appliances. They could also be in place very soon after site acquisition. In addition they are much less expensive than cinder block, wood or other type of permanent construction. In the long run, of course, permanent construction is the only answer.

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Assuming the land is declared excess to needs, are we ready to opt for this approach to the resolution of the housing problem? If so, what is the procedure for our acquisition? Does GSA handle it? Do we need to take any action prior to the decision to assure that we get first option on the site?

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Sincerely,

Chief, Key West Bureau

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